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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested. Kindly consider these new arguments, along with the claim amendments which are provided herein, along with the RCE that is concurrently filed.

Initially, the examiner is thanked for the careful consideration and comments which were made in the advisory action. The claim amendments which are made herein are made in order to emphasize those distinctions. This claim should be completely allowable over the cited Okada reference

Clearly, as acknowledged in the advisory action, there are differences between the subject matter disclosed, and the Okaka prior art. As stated above, the claim amendments which are made herein emphasize those differences. Okada discloses a slot machine that provides the user with hypothetical payout data that is generated by the machine over the course of simulated games. Slot machine players often are very careful about their machine, and Okada plays to this care by providing hypothetical payout data to the user. This allows the player to ascertain the transient probability of winning on this particular game machine. The player can play a few rounds on the machine, and see if the player wins, or does not win, but basically get the

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feel of the machine without actually playing.

The present claims define something very different, however, specifically the present claims define using simulations to generate a screen display for a current game round being played. In the presently claimed system, the simulation is initially invisible. An initial invisible run of the simulation is conducted. If the simulation outcome does not match a predetermined game outcome, then the initial conditions of the simulation are adjusted. After adjusting those initial conditions, a subsequent visible simulation is run, and this allows the desired outcome to be seen and viewed.

The present claims define an initial simulation, followed by a subsequent simulation, and that both simulations are related to the same "game round". In contrast, Okada teaches that the simulations relate to consecutive game rounds. Therefore, these claims should be allowable over Okada, for this reason alone.

In addition, however, the claims have been amended to recite a "precalculated outcome" as compared with "desired outcome" which was the previously-used language. As explained above, Okada does not use a precalculated outcome, instead Okada simulates games, but does not use one simulation as part of the actual played game round, as claimed. Okada does not therefore, use "precalculated outcome for the game round" as claimed.

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In addition, minor amendments have been made to the dependent claims.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

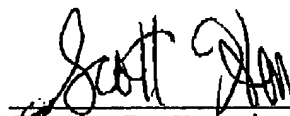
In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claim should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply  
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